CLAIMS

Please replace the previous listing with the following re-written version:

Claim 1. (Currently Amended) A method for reducing damage in a roof membrane of a roof substrate caused by hail/fastener impact comprising:

locating fasteners in a roof construction such that a top of said fastener is exposed at a top surface of the roof substrate;

positioning at least ~~one~~ two individual pieces of energy absorbing material to discretely cover each individual fastener of said fasteners whereby said fastener is completely covered by ~~said material~~both of said at least two pieces, said at least two pieces including a first piece that is positioned and dimensioned to cover said top of said fastener only, such that said first piece is positioned and dimensioned to cover an entirety of no other roofing component; and

affixing said ~~material~~ first piece to said top of fastener;

affixing a second piece of said at least two individual pieces of energy absorbing material to a relative top of said first piece; and

positioning a roof waterproofing membrane atop all forgoing elements~~, wherein said roof waterproofing membrane is dimensioned to cover a substantially larger portion of said roof substrate than any of said at least one pieces of energy absorbing layers that are positioned to cover said individual fasteners~~.

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Claim 2. (Original) A method for reducing roof membrane damage from hail/fastener contact as claimed in Claim 1 wherein said affixing is by adhering.

Claim 3. (Original) A method for reducing roof membrane damage from hail/fastener contact as claimed in Claim 2 wherein said adhering is by a self stick adhesive applied to said energy absorbing material.

Claim 4. (Currently Amended) A roof system with reduced hail/fastener impact damage characteristics comprising:

a roof substrate having one or more layers of material;

at least one top of at least one fastener exposed at a top surface of said substrate;

at least ~~one~~ two individual pieces of energy absorbing material positioned to discretely cover said tops of each individual fastener of said at least one fasteners, said at least two pieces including a first piece that is positioned and dimensioned to cover said top of said fastener only, such that said first piece is affixed to said top of said fastener so as to cover an entirety of no other roofing component, and said at least two pieces including a second piece that is affixed to a relative top of said first piece; and

a roof waterproofing membrane positioned atop all foregoing elements, ~~wherein said roof waterproofing membrane is dimensioned to cover a substantially larger portion of said roof substrate than any of said at least one pieces of energy absorbing layers that are positioned to cover said individual fasteners~~.

Claim 5. (Original) A roof system with reduced hail/fastener impact damage characteristics as claimed in Claim 4 wherein said one or more layers of material includes insulation.

Claim 6. (Original) A roof system with reduced hail/fastener impact damage characteristics as claimed in Claim 4 wherein said energy absorbing material is cover tape.

Claim 7. (Previously Presented) A roof system with reduced hail/fastener impact damage characteristics as claimed in claim 4 wherein said energy absorbing material is a self-sticking cover tape composed of cured ethylene propylene diene monomer (EPDM) membrane with a butyl gum rubber bottom.

Claim 8. (Original) A roof system with reduced hail/fastener impact damage characteristics as claimed in Claim 6 wherein said cover tape is ethylene propylene diene monomer.

Claim 9. (Original) A roof system with reduced hail/fastener impact damage characteristics as claimed in Claim 6 wherein said cover tape is self-adhesive tape.

Claim 10. (Previously Presented) A roof system with reduced hail/fastener impact damage characteristics as claimed in Claim 4 wherein said at least one piece of energy absorbing material is two layers of energy absorbing material.

Claim 11. (Original) A roof system with reduced hail/fastener impact damage characteristics as claimed in Claim 10 wherein said two layers comprise a first layer covering a fastener and a second layer covering the first layer and a washer of the fastener.

Claim 12. (Previously Presented) A method for reducing roof membrane damage from hail/fastener contact as claimed in Claim 1 wherein said energy absorbing material is installed on top of the roof membrane in an area directly over and underlying fastener.

Claim 13. (Currently Amended) A roof system with reduced hail/fastener impact damage characteristics comprising:

a roof substrate having one or more layers of material;

at least one top of at least one fastener exposed at a top surface of said substrate;

a roof waterproofing membrane positioned over said at least one fastener; and

at least ~~one~~ two individual piece of energy absorbing material positioned atop all forgoing elements and ~~any~~ said waterproofing membrane ~~associated with said roof substrate~~ to discretely cover said tops of each individual fastener of said at least one fasteners, said at least two pieces including a first piece that is positioned and dimensioned to cover said top of said fastener only, such that said first piece is positioned and dimensioned to said top of said fastener so as to cover an entirety of no other roofing component, and said at least two pieces including a second piece that is affixed to a relative top of said first piece.

Claim 14. (Cancelled)